

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Project Title: River Island Country Club Bridge Replacement (CEQ 24-008, MIM 24-036 to PSP 476)

Project Location - Specific: River Island Country Club (RICC), 31989 River Island Dr. Porterville, CA 93265 (APN 284-790-003). The Project is in Caltrans District 6 east of the City of Porterville in Tulare County. The western project boundary borders the State Highway 190; a portion of the northern boundary is along County Club Drive and River Island Drive; the eastern boundary is encompassed by Langlois Drive and River Island Drive, and the southern boundary is along the Tule River. The Project is located at 36° 06' 09.14" N, 118° 51' 37.38" W.

Project Location- Section, Township, Range: Section 17, Township 21S, Range 29E

Project Location - City: Porterville, CA **Project Location - County:** Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: River Island Country Club (RICC) plans to replace a pedestrian/golf cart bridge and foundations measuring 12 feet wide and 160 feet in length over the Tule River on a golf course. Tulare County experienced heavy flooding event during March of 2023, especially in the foothills where the RICC resides. During the flood events, one bridge and foundations were damaged. Evaluation of USGS streamgage station #11203200 indicated flow of 64 cubic feet per second (cfs) on the day of evaluation (10 days following high water event) and a high-water event of 120 cfs. This project will include the replacement of the damaged pedestrian/golf cart bridge and foundations. The beneficiaries of the Project would be any persons using walking or riding over the bridge to travel across the Tule River at the RICC.


Exempt Status: (*check one*)

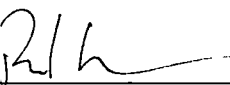
- Categorical Exemption: **CEQA Guidelines Class 2 Section 15302, Replacement or Reconstruction**
- Categorical Exemption: Tulare County Guidelines for the Implementation of California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, Number 300 Section 111. CATEGORICAL EXEMPTIONS Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction (e): Reconstruction of Existing Roads and Bridges (adopted by Tulare County Resolution 74-2165)

Reasons why project is exempt: The River Island Country Club Bridge Replacement Project is consistent with CEQA Guidelines Class 2 Section 15302, Replacement or Reconstruction (c), as activities associated with the project will include replacement of existing facilities with negligible or no expansion of capacity. The County of Tulare Board of Supervisors adopted an exemption for the construction of the aforementioned facilities per the Tulare County Guidelines for the Implementation of California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, Number 300 Section 111. CATEGORICAL EXEMPTIONS Class 2: Replacement or Reconstruction, which consists of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced. Therefore, the use of Title 14, Cal. Code Regulations CEQA Guidelines Section 15302, and Tulare County Resolution 74-2165 Class 2, Replacement and Reconstruction (e), is applicable and appropriate.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Tulare County Resource Management Agency

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Gary A. Mills

Signature:  Date: 8/7/24 Title: Environmental Assessment Officer
Reed Schenke, P.E. RMA Director

Signed by Lead Agency

Date submitted to the OPR/SCH: _____